

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

REVISED NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2014-346-WS

Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NOTICE OF FILING PERTAINS TO THIS CASE THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND IS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ON REMAND FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina in its Opinion No. 27905 filed on July 24, 2019, reversed and remanded the above-referenced rate case to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Please see *Daufuskie Island Utility Co., Inc. v. South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff*, 427 S.C. 458, 832 S.E.2d 572 (2019). In its Opinion No. 27905, the Supreme Court of South Carolina stated, in part,

“DIUC’s rate application will now go before the Commission for a third hearing. In our initial reversal and remand, we explained certain points of law applicable to the merits of DIUC’s claims. *Daufuskie Island Util. Co.*, 420 S.C. at 316-20, 803 S.E.2d at 286-88. In this reversal and remand, we do not address the merits at all. In reversing the Commission twice, we do not intend to make any suggestions of our views of the merits. Rather, we simply require the Commission and ORS evaluate the evidence and carry out their important responsibilities consistently, within the “objective and measurable framework” the law provides. *Utils. Servs.*, 392 S.C. at 113, 708 S.E.2d at 765.”

On July 22, 2020, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued Order No. 2020-497 with the following Motion:

“The Office of Regulatory Staff states that Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated should afford its customers additional notice with regard to the proposed rates in the present case, which ORS asserts exceeds the rates included in the Company’s Application and previously noticed to the utility’s customers. ORS notes that both Commission statutes and due process require the additional notice. ORS states that the Company’s customers have not received notice of the presently proposed rates and are therefore at a significant disadvantage without the notice. The Company denies the need for such a notice under the circumstances of the case. S.C. Code Annotated Section 58-5-240 (B) states that notice to the public may be ordered “such as the Commission may prescribe.”

Grant the ORS request and order the Company to give notice to its customers of the proposed rates in the present case. The Commission Clerk’s Office shall issue a Notice letter to the Company requiring such notice.”

RESIDENTIAL RATES

<u>WATER</u>		<u>Pre-Appeal Company Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Post-Appeal Company Proposed Rates</u>
Tapping Fees & ¾" Meter Box		\$500.00	
Base Quarterly Charge		\$149.30	\$155.88
Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 Gallons per Quarter	\$4.41	\$4.47
	Over 22,500 Gallons	\$4.41	\$4.47

<u>SEWER</u>			
Tapping Fees & Service Lateral		\$500.00	
Base Quarterly Charge		\$218.18	\$226.37
Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 22,500 Gallons per Quarter	\$2.38	\$2.41
	Over 22,500 Gallons	\$2.38	\$2.41
<u>IRRIGATION</u>			
Tapping Fees & ¾" Meter Box		\$500.00	
Consumption Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	0 to 18,000 Gallons per Quarter	\$4.85	\$4.91
	18,001 to 60,000 Gallons	\$5.73	\$5.80
	Over 60,000 Gallons	\$6.61	\$6.69

COMMERCIAL RATES

<u>WATER</u>		<u>Pre-Appeal Company Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Post-Appeal Company Proposed Rates</u>
Tapping Fees per Hotel or Inn Room		\$250.00	
Tapping Fees up to 1-1/2" Meter		\$500.00	
Tapping Fees 2" or 3" Meter		\$1,500.00	
Tapping Fees for 6" Meter		\$3,500.00	
*Larger Meters on a case by case basis			
Base Quarterly Charge		\$209.01	\$218.23
Consumption Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons)	0 to 22,500 Gallons per Quarter	\$4.41	\$4.47
	Over 22,500 Gallons	\$4.41	\$4.47
<u>SEWER</u>			
Tapping Fees per Hotel or Inn Room		\$250.00	
Tapping Fees 4"-8" Sewer Pipe		\$500.00	
Base Quarterly Charge		\$305.45	\$316.91
Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 Gallons)	0 to 22,500 Gallons per Quarter	\$2.38	\$2.41
	Over 22,500 Gallons	\$2.38	\$2.41
<u>IRRIGATION</u>			
Tapping Fees & ¾" Meter Box		\$500.00	
Consumption Charge (Per 1,000 Gallons)	0 to 18,000 Gallons per Quarter	\$4.85	\$4.91
	18,001 to 60,000 Gallons	\$5.73	\$5.80
	Over 60,000 Gallons	\$6.61	\$6.69

	AVAILABILITY RATES/CHARGES (QUARTERLY)		
WATER	Base Quarterly Charge	\$107.49	\$112.23
SEWER	Base Quarterly Charge	\$140.73	\$146.01

A copy of the Company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2014-346-WS. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the office of Thomas P. Gressette, Jr. Esquire and G. Trenholm Walker, Esquire, Walker Gressette Freeman & Linton, LLC, Post Office Box 22167, Charleston, South Carolina 29413.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 31, 2020**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-346-WS and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **August 31, 2020**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-346-WS.***

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and ***Docket No. 2014-346-WS.***

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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